blood and its products for freedom from HIV 1 and 2 antibodies, Hepatitis B surface antigen, Hepatitis C antibody, Malaria and Syphilis. This mandatory under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, the implementation of which is being strengthened. (ii) Professional donation has been banned and voluntary donation is being promoted through various IEC strategies. (iii) National blood policy expected to function as a strategic framework for developing a safe, reliable and efficient blood transfusion services in the country has been formulated. National Blood Transfusion Council at the national level and State Blood Transfusion Councils at the state level have established to help in better management of Blood Transfusion Services.

Post of Curator in Medical Colleges

2250. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for a medical college recognized by IMC to have the post of Curator;

(b) if so, the details of guidelines of IMC in this regard;

(c) whether Periyaram Medical College, Kannur, Kerala does not have the post of Curator;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when, the above post would be filled up on regular basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) No, Sir. The post of Curator has not been prescribed *inter-alia* by the Medical Council of India in the list of staff required for medical college with 50/10/150 admissions annually. In view of this, there is no requirement for Pariyaram Medical College, Kannur, to have a post of Curator.